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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO MANAGE ENERGY LEASES ON PUBLIC LANDS VIA
INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND
NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, renewable energy projects advance the State's
2 clean energy goals and will reduce the State's dependence on
3 imported fossil fuel; and
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5 WHEREAS, there are various opportunities for renewable
6 energy projects to be developed and established on public land;
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9 WHEREAS, in recent years there have been repeated instances
10 where public land was not available for the development of
11 renewable energy projects due to the inefficient and poorly
12 coordinated management of public lands; and
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14 WHEREAS, the consistent and efficient management of public
15 lands is necessary to the State's infrastructure and the well-
16 being of the State's residents; and
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18 WHEREAS, a single and well-coordinated land management
19 system, under the direction and management of one agency, will
20 provide better assurance that appropriate state lands are
21 available for the development of renewable energy projects; now,
22 therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
27 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is urged to manage
28 energy leases on public lands via interagency agreements with
29 the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of
30 Agriculture; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following a determination that public land is suitable for the development of one or more renewable energy projects, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is urged to make a timely disposition of the land, so long as the public land has not been set aside for public use by any other department or agency of the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the public land has been set aside for public use by any other department or agency of the State, the department or agency is requested to verify that the public land is not required or being used for the purpose for which it was set aside prior to making a disposition of the land; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; and Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

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